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Disney salutes Armed Forces

Free, reduced admission through April

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WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and the entire Disney gang recently announced a program designed to thank military people for the job they do for the nation.

The "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" offers free admission to active-duty military and activated Guard and Reserve people. It also allows servicemembers to purchase tickets at half-price for up to five family members and friends.

This special offer is available from Jan. 1 to April 30, at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and the Disneyland Resort in California. During this period, all military members are eligible for one complimentary ticket, valid for seven days.

During this time, various special offer tickets for family and friends may also be purchased at a 50 percent discount offregular retail prices.

People may only purchase tickets at park ticket windows. These special offer tickets may not be purchased at Shades of Green Armed Forces Recreation Center at Disney World or at military ticket offices. All tickets expire seven days from the date issued.

If the military member is unable to purchase tickets, due to deployments or other reasons, his or her spouse may purchase up to five tickets at the discounted price.

All people purchasing tickets must present valid military identification. Activated members of the Guard and Reserve, or spouses purchasing tickets on their behalf, must also show active duty orders.

Tickets are valid at Walt Disney World theme parks, to include Disney-MGM Studios, Animal Kingdom, Epcot and the Magic Kingdom, Pleasure Island and the Wide World of Sports. Special rates are also available at Disney's All-Star Resorts. The number of rooms available at discounted rates is limited and subject to minimum length stay requirements. This offer is valid through April 30.

Special offers are also available for the Disney Cruise line. This offer expires in May for those wishing to use discounted rates. The number of staterooms available at these special rates are limited.

This offer does not apply to retirees, veterans, Defense Department employees or non-activated members of the Guard and Reserve.



Naughty or nice?

Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral

Jerimy Doucet has a moment with Santa at the recent 32nd Intelligence Squadron holiday party at Burba Lake. More than 100 members and family celebrated the season together at the party.

Tickets previously purchased at either Shades of Green or military ticket offices are nonrefundable. For more information on tickets

or room reservations, call 407-939-7424 or 714-956-6867. For information on Disney cruises, call 888-325-2500.

"Our enemies have made the mistake that America's enemies always make. They saw liberty and thought they saw weakness. And now, they see defeat."

-- President Bush, Dec. 11 at a White House ceremony commemorating Sept. 11

Commander's Corner

Col. Beatty stresses importance of security during holidays

by Col. Harold J. Beatty 70th Intelligence Wing Commander

As we approach the eve of this joyous holiday season, I would like to pass to each member of the 70th Intelligence Wing and your family a very special holiday greeting.

This year we are faced with situations and emotions that many of us have never faced or felt before. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 have changed just about every aspect of our lives -- including how we will celebrate this holiday season.

In the past, our responsibilities were often solely centered on families, friends, and coworkers during this joyous time of year. This year, we have the added responsibility of homeland security.

The President has made it very clear that every citizen of the United States is a soldier in the war on terror. Each of us is a set of eyes and ears essential to the security of our nation.

I encourage each of you to be assertive and defensive when it comes to the threats against us. As professionals in the intelligence community, we are the front-line defense and the "first in the fight." We need to take that

mind-set and apply it as we spend time with family and venture into the local community.

Be vigilant and be aware of your environment. There are those out there who may be looking for just the right person or opportunity to exploit. Don't let that person be you, your family or your friends.

Be safe and defensive and know that although you may be taking precautions as you travel the highways, railways and airways, the person next to you may not even be giving a second thought to safety.

Whether you stay in the local area or you travel across the country this holiday, take the time to practice a few protective measures.

Be alert of your surroundings, prepare yourself for the trip, plan ahead, and ensure your vehicle is in top mechanical condition. Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination -- you never know what surprises the weather has in store for you. Use good judgment and moderation if you drink; and under no circumstances, drink and drive.

Getting arrested for DWI is bad enough, but getting killed or causing someone's death is intolerable. Always



Col. Harold J.Beatty

remember to buckle up, and insist passengers do likewise. Not only is it the safe thing to do, it's the law.

Lastly, and most importantly, no matter what this holiday season brings, continue to enjoy all the great festivities, meals, and events your family, this community, and nation have to offer.

Yes, we must maintain our mission readiness, personal safety and keep a focus on homeland defense, but we cannot let those who choose to harm us and our families put a strangle hold on our freedoms and love of life and country. Stay safe, and have a happy holiday season!

Commander's Action Line

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to the 70th Intelligence Wing Commander -- Use it wisely!

This is the location for the Commander's Action Line column. An action line is a monthly column designed to address the questions and concerns of members of the 70th Intelligence Wing.

The column is intended as a forum to support individual concerns and should be used in conjunction with the "Chain of Command," Inspector General, Chaplain, or other professional means.

Try to resolve issues and problems at the lowest level possible. If you feel you are not getting satisfactory results, you may direct your concern to this forum.

Questions and concerns must be accompanied with a complete name, phone number or e-mail address for official responses. Those without names or contact information will not be printed, but will receive the commander's attention. Action items can be brought into the PA office in building 9805 room 212 or e-mailed to Richard.corral@ft-meade.af.mil

Look for an Action Line hot button on the 70 IW web page.



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Safety News

Drinking and driving: the holiday killer

by Mr. James W. Trapp, Jr.70 Intelligence Wing Safety Office

The dreaded "Holiday Killer" will stalk us once again as the Holiday Season nears. This scoundrel may strike anywhere at anytime, but chances for success increase

time, but chances for success increase during the Holiday Season with all the parties and celebrations going on.

The killer enters parties, uninvited and unexpected, looking for a weapon to do its evil work. It begins locking in on a target as the evening wears on and the alcohol flows. The search is on for someone who consumed too much liquid holiday cheer and now intends to drive home in a drunken state. This is the perfect ally for the Holiday Killer!

As the party ends, the Holiday Killer leaves with his weapon selected and now positioned behind the steering wheel of 2,000 pounds of lethal motorized steel.

Now that the weapon has been selected it's time to find a victim. Who will it be this time? Maybe an innocent child, perhaps another motorist, or maybe even the weapon himself? It really doesn't matter to the Holiday Killer. As long as it claims somebody, then it was a successful outing for the Holi-

day Killer

So be warned! The killer often strikes without warning and will use every available trick to get you. Tricks like the driver who travels extended distances without sufficient rest; or the motorcyclist who refuses to wear

plices ... apathy, complacency, lack of supervision, poor judgment and recklessness, to name a few. No matter who or what is involved the killer's mission is always death and destruction.

Starting this Holiday Season, let's adopt a strong safety awareness and turn the tables on the Holiday Killer. Let's be smart and safety conscious this holiday season and all seasons to come.

You must understand the deadly potential consequences of mixing alcohol with driving. That's a killer combination. Use sound judgment when planning road trips. Don't get caught short with insufficient time to get safely to your destination and back. That may cause you to overextend yourself past the point of exhaustion and fall asleep at the wheel.

Pay attention to the weather, and be prepared for bad driving conditions caused by snow, ice, rain, fog, or combinations of these conditions.

Always use seat belts and child restraining devices when traveling in motor vehicles. Work and play within your limits, and make sure any equipment you use is in good condition. Follow these simple precautions to help yourself stay out of the Holiday Killer's clutches. Don't let this killer use you for a flunky to do its dirty work.



a helmet; or the driver who thinks he/she is immune to the effects of alcohol; or drivers who won't strap themselves or children into restraining devices before driving off.

People who take these kinds of risks are the weapons of choice for the Holiday Killer, and sometimes they end up being victims as well.

The Holiday Killer has many accom-

Eighth AF commander sends holiday wishes

"This holiday season, American families will come together once again to celebrate their faith, to welcome the New Year, and to spend treasured time with relatives and loved ones.

Many of the blessings we enjoy today are a legacy of the sacrifice and hard work of our dedicated airmen and civilian workers.

Throughout the holidays, members of our 'Mighty Eighth' team remain on duty, supporting operations and guarding freedom's frontiers in locations around the world and here at home in defense of our great country.

Preserving liberty has, and will always continue to require tremendous personal sacrifice.

Like our forefathers before us, you are shouldering today's heavy burden as you guard our freedoms and way of life from those who seek to deny them.

You are on the front lines, often in harm's way, sacrificing the comforts of your own home and the joys of sharing the holiday season with your families to give hope to not only those around the globe, but Americans everywhere.

Your nation is extremely proud of your service and deeply indebted to you for everything you do. As you celebrate this holiday season, may you find comfort and satisfaction in the knowledge that because of you, members of the 'Mighty Eighth,' America is a safer and better place.

For those fortunate enough to spend these holidays with family and friends, let us be mindful of the many men and women deployed around the globe. Please take time to look after their families -- they need our support now more than ever.

May the spirit, the magic and the joy of this holiday season be with you all. Wherever you may be this year, our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. Have a happy holiday season as you continue the proud heritage of the 'Mighty Eighth.'"

-- Lieutenant General Thomas J. Keck

Wing News

Two 70 IW members sentenced in courts martial

Courtesy of 70th Intelligence Wing Staff Judge Advocate

On Dec. 6, a Technical Sergeant assigned to the 22nd Intelligence Squadron, was convicted by General Court Martial, in accordance with his pleas. Proceedings were held at Andrews AFB. He was convicted of the following offenses:

- ▶ Rape in violation of Article 120, UCMJ
- ▶ Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ
- ▶ Obstruction of Justice, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ

The sentence adjudged was a dishonorable discharge, reduction to E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and

confinement for 10 years.

Capt. Kurt Springer and Capt. Kyle Nolte served as Government Trial Counsel. The accused was represented by Capt. Sandra Nicks and Capt. Anthony Swann, defense counsel.

On Dec. 5, an airman assigned to the 336th Training Squadron, Det 2, was convicted by General Court Martial of the following offenses:

- ▶ Use of Illegal Substance, in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ
- ▶ Dereliction of Duty, in violation of Article 92. UCMJ
- ▶ Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ

The airman plead guilty to using

methylenedioxymethamphetamine, commonly know as ecstasy, on several occasions and to dereliction of duty, by breaking curfew. The airman was also found guilty of the conspiracy charge, by a panel of air force members, for having another airman ask someone to provide a false statement to those investigating her conduct.

The adjudged sentence was a bad conduct discharge, reduction to E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for 8 months.

Capt. Brian Wickham, 70th IW Judge Advocate, served as the government Trial Counsel. The accused was represented by Capt. Victor Wright, Area Defense Counsel.

Career Corner

The price is paid, we're free to celebrate

by MSgt. Peter Rich

70 IW Career Assistance Advisor

The holidays are upon us once again. It's the time of year that we all take stock in the value of family and friends. For those of us in the military it hits even harder because we often find ourselves far from home and unable to spend the season with those we care for most.

It's just one of those sacrifices that we make to ensure friends and families across this great nation can enjoy the holiday season free to celebrate in any manner they wish.

This year the message is even more poignant as many of our fellow service members are deployed forward in support of current operations and contingencies.

For many, Christmas morning may greet them in a tent in the middle of the desert, or at the end of a flight line preparing to take off on another 12-hour mission, or on a watch floor covering world events. Not quite the Norman Rockwell, picture-perfect Christmas.

However, those who choose will make the best of it. They will join together and celebrate with each other, for they realize that they are among friends and their extended Air Force family.

For those of you who find yourself in one of these situations or something similar, know that what you are doing is greatly appreciated. Messages are being sent around the world via TV and radio from a grateful nation, thanking those who

Recognize that your sacrifices today make it possible for others to celebrate freely. We should all take great pride in knowing that we are all part of that team (that family) that makes that possible.

Sacrifice is what separates military service from other professions. We all recognize that many have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, but it's not just through dying that we attain and maintain our freedom.

It's through the day-to-day sacrifices of long hours, mid-watches, deployments, TDYs, etc., that we keep this nation free. It's not easy. It can be frustrating and even down right painful.

But with that in mind, we can stand tall and hold our heads high knowing that we pay the price.

So this holiday season take the time to thank your fellow airmen and yourself for the sacrifices you make in order to ensure freedom. Stand tall, and say "Celebrate freely America, the price is paid!"

2002 Fort Meade **Basic Allowance** for Housing rates

~Rank~	~Single ~	~Dependent
E-1	873	1002
E-2	873	1002
E-3	873	1002
E-4	873	1002
E-5	917	1065
E-6	947	1306
E-7	1006	1363
E-8	1112	1425
E-9	1187	1491
O-1E	1065	1375
O-2E	1170	1453
O-3E	1306	1508
O-1	938	1092
O-2	1043	1301
O-3	1220	1461
O-4	1369	1563
O-5	1406	1634
O-6	1464	1647
O-7+	1493	1666

* For additional information or rates, visit http://www.dtic.mil/ perdiem/bahform.html

Wing News

New AF liaison ready, waiting at Meade's ACS



MSgt. Carolyn Graves-Maye

If you haven't yet visited the new Air Force Liaison for Family Support Services at the Army Community Service center here, you could be missing out on some very helpful information.

MSgt. Carolyn Graves-Maye, who is ready and waiting to assist members of the 70th Intelligence Wing and their families in numerous ways, currently fills the new position.

Whether a first-term airman, a family member separated as a result of military duty, or a single parent, Graves-Maye has information available on many outreach programs and acts as a referral agency for the many programs. From money management to stress management, employment assistance to relocation information, the new Air Force liaison has it all.

The ACS is located at 4217 Roberts Avenue. Visit today or call Graves-Maye at 301-677-3617.

373d Intelligence Group welcomes wing leadership

by SSgt. Josh Weber 373 IG Public Affairs representative

Misawa Air Base, Japan – Recently, Col. Harold J. Beatty, 70th Intelligence Wing commander, Lt. Col. Reginald Cleveland, 70 IW chaplain, and CMSgt. Thomas Giroir, 70th IW command chief master sergeant, traveled to Misawa Air Base, Japan, to visit the 373d Intelligence Group.

"Being the farthest away from the flag pole presents some unique challenges (for the 373d), but you have some of the wing's finest," Col. Beatty said during a luncheon with the group and wing level award winners.

"Sometimes people get the impression that being this far out means you do not receive as much recognition; however, this is not the case with the 373d."

Aside from being the honored guest with the group's award winners, Col. Beatty had the chance to congratulate the 373d's

newest chief master sergeant select, SMSgt. Lee Gorrell, Superintendent of the 301st Intelligence Squadron here.

Congratulating the men and women of the 373d was not the only item on Col Beatty's itinerary. He also toured the facilities visiting with the soldiers, sailors, and airmen that make the Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center's mission happen.

Airmen from the group had a chance to talk face-to-face with the commander showing off their hard work and expressing their views and concerns.

The tour also gave the 373d Support Squadron a chance to showcase their work and animate their 2001 Maintenance Effectiveness Award nomination package recently selected by the wing to compete at the Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency level.

▶ Col. Beatty congratulates chief master sergeant select Lee Gorrell, 301st IS.



Photo by SSgt. Josh Weber

New Year's Resolutions around the wing



~SSgt. Jennifer Gilbert~ 694th Support Squadron

"My new Year's resolution is to work on having more patience."



~A1C David Robinson~ 29th Intelligence **Squadron**

"I would like to save more money in 2002 and go back to school."



~SrA K. Davis~ 32nd Intelligence **Squadron**

"I resolve to keep up my physical fitness more than two days after Jan. 1!"

Month in Review



Photo by SSgt Kristina Brown

(Clockwise from right) Col. Harold Beatty, 70 IW commander, leads the way in getting this year's flu shot.

SSgt. Dawn Findlay, 70 IW, puts finishing touches on the holiday decorations in Bldg. 9805.

SMSgt. Robert Rockenstire, 91st Intelligence Squadron first sergeant, serves up some turkey at the Four Hats Dining Facility during Thanksgiving.



Photo by SSgt Kristina Brown

(Left & Above) Members of the 70th Intelligence Wing pitch in with the rest of the post to put together food packages for the Holiday Assistance Program which provides food baskets for thousands of Ft. Meade families yearly.



Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral



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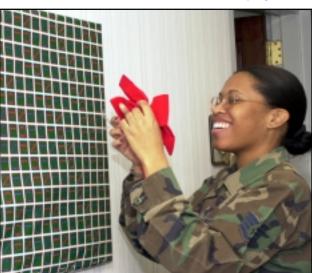


Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral

Briefs

Survivor Benefit Plan

The SBP was developed to meet the needs of the family for continuous income protection following a retirement-eligible member's death. SBP is a non-profit annuity administered by the government. Coverage is free for

retirement-eligible members while on active duty. After retirement, monthly premiums are held in the Military Retirement System Trust Fund, and benefits are paid to eligible survivors from the fund. As a result, the retiree has the assurance of a wellmanaged program without having to pay administrative expenses. Prior to retiring, everyone will have an opportunity to enroll in the SBP. For more information, call SBP Counselor, Ms. Wanda Sims at 301-677-0202.

tion, call Mr. Marvin Pease or SMSgt. Richard Jones at 301-677-0407/0410.

Tutors needed

Meade Middle School is in need of tutors in many subjects. Math, reading, art room, and



Retraining opportunity

There are currently openings for qualified Airmen and NCOs in the manpower career field (AFSC 3U0X1.) Applicants should have above average mathematics and communicative skills to be considered. For more informa-

classroom assistance would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers need only have basic skills in any of the subjects. Check out the brand new facility, and be a part of the school's state-of-the-art education program. Extra curricular activities also in need of volunteers include the drama club, computer

club, Web-page club, and more. For more information or to volunteer, call Mr. Bob Cicconetti after Jan. 7.

TSP open season ends Jan. 31

The Thrift Savings Plan open season for the uniformed services ends Jan. 31, so now is the perfect time to sign up. Get started in the TSP with no pain by signing up now so that contributions begin at the same time as the first-of-the-year pay raise. The next open season will not begin until May 15.

Tea Party

The Key Spouse Group invites USAF spouses for a "Tea Party" Jan 12 from 1-3 p.m. in the Scout's Building

(the old NCO Club/Four Winds) on Chamberlin Ave next to the clothing sales store. The guest speaker will be Maj. James Dapper, 70th Intelligence Wing staff judge advocate. No RSVP necessary—just show up. In addition, Key Spouse Group meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Scout's Building.

Operation 'HART': Helping Agency Response Team Info Card

LOOK for the signs:

- ▶ Withdrawn from friends/family/social activities
- ▶ marital and relationship problems
- ▶ Disciplinary problems
- ▶ Hopelessness (i.e., "The world would be better off without me.")
- ▶ Trouble concentrating
- ▶ Giving belongings away
- ▶ Change in sleeping habits
- ▶ Change in eating habits
- ▶ Drastic behavior changes
- ▶ Traumatic loss for individual
- ▶ Fixation with exotic weapons
- ▶ Preoccupied with death/dying
- ▶ Lose interest in their personal appearance
- ▶ Talk about committing suicide
- ▶ Strange euphoria following depression

Listen for the feelings:

- ▶ Don't agree to keep your friend's secret
- ▶ You can help by getting them help

Act! Find help:

- ▶ Discuss the problem openly and frankly
- ▶ Show interest and support
- ➤ Seek help from someone! Escort and stay with them
- ▶ Contact a minister, counselor, physician, commander or 1st. Sgt.

Be aware of your feelings:

Nearly everyone at some time in his or her life thinks about committing suicide. People having a crisis often perceive their dilemma as inescapable and feel an utter loss of control; however, most decide to live and realize the crisis is temporary and death isn't. There is no typical suicide victem. It happens to young, old, rich and poor.

Emergency numbers:

Army Community Services 301-677-5590

Fort Meade Military police 301-677-6622

NSA Employee Services 410-712-4444

70 IW Readiness Center 301-688-4764

694 IG Life Skills Support Center 301-677-0162

70 IW Chaplain 301-677-0811

Crisis Hotline (PG county) 301-864-7161 Crisis Hotline (Montgomery) 301-738-2255 Crisis Hotline (Wash DC) 202-561-7000

Crisis Hotline (Wash DC) 202-561-7000 Crisis Hotline (Howard Co) 410-531-6677

Holiday Fun



(Clockwise from above) Tristan Henkel tries to wait patiently for Santa. Santa takes a moment to discuss presents with Cheryl, Eric, and Clint McGee at the 32 IS holiday party. Elves Jessica McBee and Amanda Jennings pause for a photo op before heading back to the North Pole with Santa.











Santa (left) hands Col. Michael Rogers, 694th Intelligence Group commander, a 'really big bag of coal' at the wing holiday party Dec. 6. Wing party goers (above) act out the 'Six Geese a laying' during the singing of the Twelve Days of Christmas at the wing holiday party.